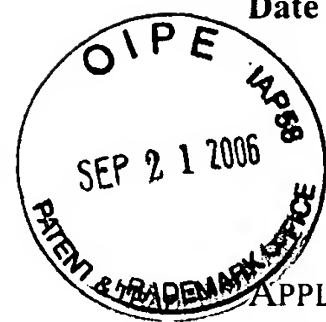


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
Expedited Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 21, 2006 regarding the above-referenced case, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116. It is submitted that this response is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 on the date set forth below, and is submitted with a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time, payment of the associated extension of time fee of \$450.00 and RCE submission fee of \$790.00 for a large entity. If any additional fees are required or if any funds are due, the USPTO is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account Number: 50-0311, Customer Number: 35437, Reference Number: 24852-513.

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